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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thomas J. Nelson

Serial No.: **09/941,500**

Filed: **August 29, 2001**

Title: **Interconnecting Disengageable
Flooring System**

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Group Art Unit: **3635**

Examiner: **Dorsey, D.**

Docket No. **068368.0201**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 28, 2002

In response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2002, please amend the application as indicated.

IN THE CLAIMS:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present application are shown below in clean form whether or not an amendment has been made. Please refer to the attached sheet showing a marked-up version of the amendments to the claims.

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55. **(twice amended)** A disengageable connector for vertically and horizontally interconnecting two individual flooring panels with identical edges to form a permanent or temporary laminate flooring surface on top of a support structure, said connector comprising:
- a base having a given width, said base having a projection extending vertically from

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